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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed March 27, 2000, as supplemented by the paper mailed April 13, 2000 and the Advisory Action mailed July 7, 2000, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the amendments and comments set forth below.

In the Claims

For the Examiner's convenience, all of the current claims, whether amended or unchanged, have been reproduced herein.